

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1954

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Preliminary Census Field Count

Whole State at 30th June, 1954 -

Males - 330,267 Females - 309,361 Persons - 639,628

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1954 -

Persons - 348,500

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	SEPTEMBER		9 Months Ended SEPTEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Marriages - Number	416	456	3,846	3,714
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.86	8.86	8.05	8.00
Births - Number	1,364	1,306	11,733	11,847
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.76	25.36	24.56	25.51
Deaths - Number	481	495	4,018	3,821
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.08	9.61	8.41	8.23
Infant - Number	37	28	258	295
Mortality X Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.13	21.44	21.99	24.90
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	9	3	45	38
Malignant neoplasms	60	62	579	549
Diabetes mellitus	4	7	37	30
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	3	15	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	59	56	456	423
Diseases of the heart	153	160	1,277	1,187
Hypertension with heart disease	11	19	110	127
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	10	12	68	63
Arteriosclerosis	13	10	112	122
Influenza	6	4	23	11
Pneumonia	19	25	128	162
Bronchitis	2	7	32	37
Other respiratory disease	3	3	44	32
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	4	38	32
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	-	20	16
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	1	6	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	4	13	20
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	9	61	59
Diseases of the prostate	6	3	42	35
Maternal causes	2	1	3	6
Disease of early infancy	23	18	169	176
Motor Vehicle accidents	14	17	123	140
Other accidents	19	14	159	148
Suicide	7	10	54	39
All other causes	45	43	399	352
Total:	481	495	4,018	3,821

* Equivalent Annual Rate

X Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1954, totalled 902,534 acres, a decrease of 561,464 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,268,580 acres, an increase of 2,939,045.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,260,556	3,210,447	13,904,410	12,722,768
Revenue per Head of Population	£5. 1. 1	£5. 2. 2	£21.12. 6	£20. 6. 7
Expenditure	3,657,710	3,685,927	14,639,691	13,988,435
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5. 13. 5	£5. 17. 4	£22.15. 4	£22. 7. 1

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st October, 1954, amounted to £52,253,762 or £80.17.9 per head of population as against £51,137,245 or £81.5.0 per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 27th October, 1954, amounted to £13,688,374 compared with £12,752,628 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Transfers	No.	1,936	2,040	8,589	8,092
	£.	2,697,117	3,000,952	12,707,937	10,711,303
Mortgages	No.	1,342	1,754	6,649	6,962
	£.	2,301,011	2,981,662	11,755,987	11,030,560
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	869	1,045	4,326	4,516

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
OCTOBER, 1954	3,427,149	1,927,836	8,942,630	475,696
OCTOBER, 1953	3,954,279	2,256,654	8,928,187	518,853
Four months ended OCTOBER, 1954	14,184,249	7,965,363	35,720,389	1,887,601
Four months ended OCTOBER, 1953	12,738,892	7,886,448	30,764,664	1,873,327

COMPANIES REGISTERED

97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £18,447,500 and 40 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1954. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 58 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,755,503 and 23 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Four months ended OCTOBER					
	1954			1953		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	22	42,119	17,406	15	54,439	41,467
Deeds of Assignment (a)	9	42,156	48,736	10	33,098	41,049
Deeds of Arrangement	1	1,223	274	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,022,400	807,400	3,003,600	2,314,600
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,148,728	1,111,115	3,481,202	3,302,508
Train Miles Run No.	638,057	578,574	1,870,466	1,730,292
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 142,852	(b) 171,077	(c) 380,923	(c) 466,476
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,079,696	924,071	2,344,486	2,173,872
Motor Bus No.	31,201	54,518	90,263	156,193
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	241,858	228,559	764,717	709,595
Livestock	13,275	13,200	31,386	31,165
Departmental (Free Freight)	69,354	63,254	225,499	190,258
<u>Total:</u>	324,487	305,013	1,021,602	931,018
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	42,061,475	40,342,505	129,128,552	121,881,853
Livestock	1,741,705	1,756,504	4,360,779	4,233,043
Departmental (Free Freight)	10,021,595	9,427,028	29,801,385	28,209,025
<u>Total:</u>	53,824,775	51,526,037	163,290,716	154,323,921

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 18th September.

(c) Period ended 18th September.

* Figures liable to revision

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
1954 -								
January	384	126	11	68	669	337	13	108
February	409	191	5	66	724	461	8	102
March	405	176	3	70	724	476	4	113
April	516	166	7	77	907	453	9	129
May	538	190	-	47	951	500	4	91
June	594	227	-	42	1,086	528	4	89
July	638	253	-	40	1,169	584	3	90
August	628	248	-	61	1,117	576	3	106
September	564	250	3	54	1,063	512	9	93

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
January	44,889	19,556	577	9,798	73,329	54,141	1,022	14,345
February	45,135	19,687	583	9,787	74,505	55,735	1,086	14,727
March	45,339	19,726	585	9,757	75,443	56,628	1,093	14,963
April	45,790	19,862	591	9,767	76,142	56,760	1,099	14,892
May	46,097	19,929	591	9,685	77,335	57,764	1,106	15,041
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
July	49,202	20,959	592	9,744	78,996	57,168	1,121	14,298
August	49,904	21,159	592	9,733	80,187	57,596	1,124	14,332
September	50,456	21,274	593	9,710	81,238	57,973	1,131	14,348

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for September, 1954:-
94 Cars: 778 Wagons, Vans, etc. 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, September 1954 and 1953, and three months ended September, 1954 and 1953, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	3,879	3,519	12,907	10,149	3,847	4,748	11,502	13,247
Interstate	9,599	6,315	24,841	20,090	1,840	2,451	4,124	6,659
Total:	13,478	9,834	37,748	30,239	5,687	7,199	15,626	19,906

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner - Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954 -										
March Qr.	715	1,827	944	2,491	22	313	163	990	1,844	5,621
June Qr.	828	2,224	1,195	3,123	22	192	187	1,043	2,232	6,582
September Qr.	771	2,071	1,292	3,431	34	837	261	1,612	2,358	7,951

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954 -										
March Qr.	568	1,895	82	215	970	2,115	1	1	1,621	4,226
June Qr.	731	2,463	44	107	1,199	2,631	1	1	1,975	5,202
September Qr.	726	2,485	48	109	1,195	2,733	1	1	1,970	5,328

GOLD PRODUCTION

		OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Quantity	Fine ozs.	69,121	75,187	719,565	687,917
Value (Aust. Currency) *	£.	1,080,090	1,164,768	11,203,375	10,656,963

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October, 1954, amounted to £1,054,636. Dividends for the corresponding period of 1953 were £694,282.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended SEPTEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Metropolitan Area	2,848	2,690	2,767	2,554	2,512	2,328	2,412	2,273
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2,936	2,759	2,866	2,706	2,435	2,369	2,409	2,349
Northam	2,865	2,672	2,772	2,590	2,441	2,336	2,383	2,295
Bunbury	2,881	2,689	2,805	2,585	2,498	2,338	2,405	2,292
Geraldton	2,923	2,734	2,840	2,648	2,648	2,433	2,530	2,399
Collie	2,906	2,728	2,835	2,614	2,322	2,233	2,280	2,187

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

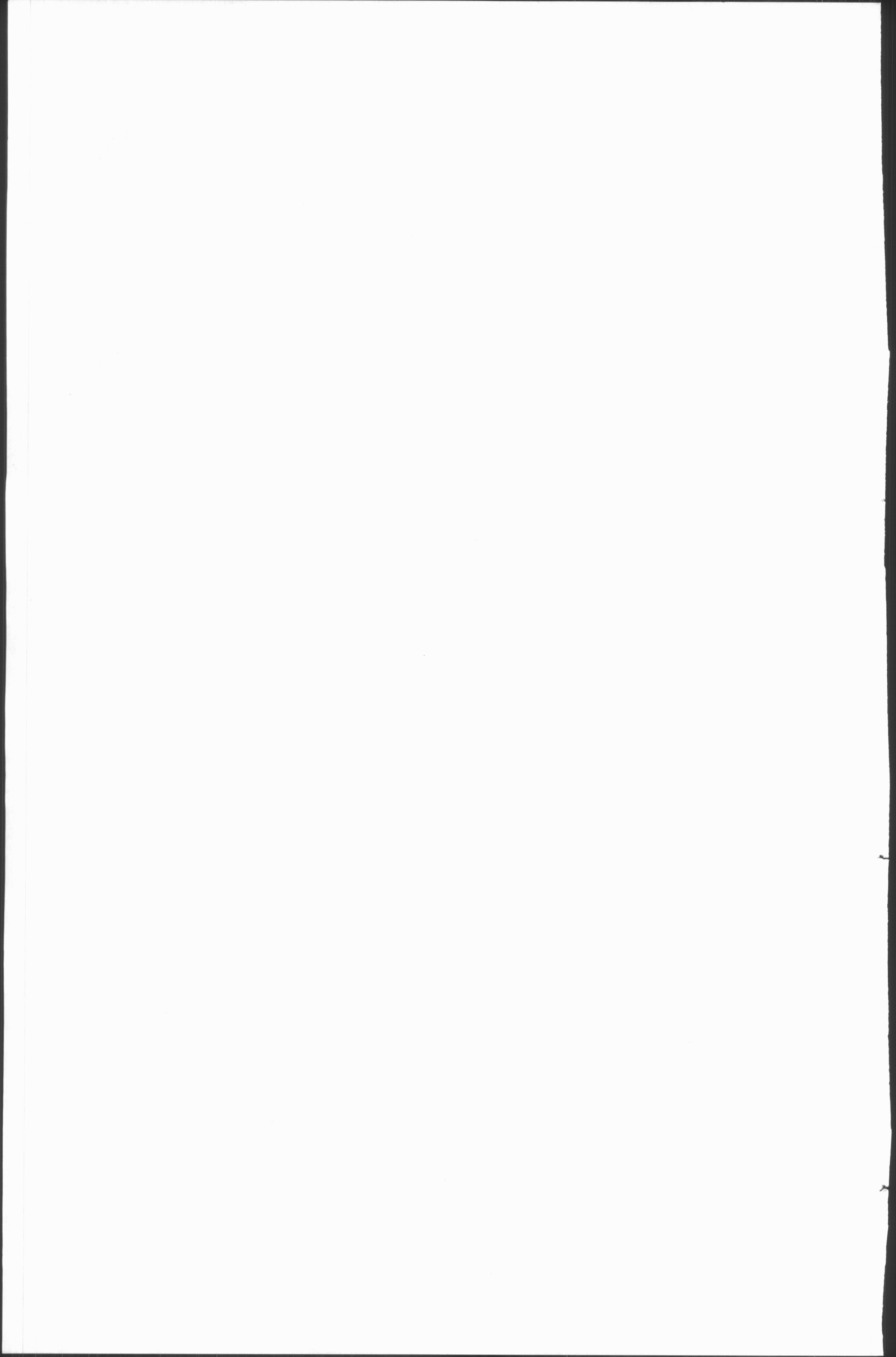
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Month	1953			1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,573	39,805	167,378	133,021	41,620	174,641
February	128,682	40,835	169,517	133,165	42,375	175,540
March	129,232	41,012	170,244	133,924	42,595	176,519
April	129,666	41,211	170,877	133,517	42,811	176,328
May	129,673	41,189	170,862	134,347	42,768	177,115
June	130,185	41,029	171,214	134,969	42,685	177,754
July	130,540	41,132	171,672	134,232	42,947	177,179
August	130,351	41,296	171,647	134,960	42,933	177,893
September	130,899	41,443	172,342	134,947	43,186	178,133
October	131,392	41,824	173,216			
November	131,948	42,192	174,140			
December	132,572	42,634	175,206			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	194	208	214	213	223
February	197	212	216	217	223
March	200	215	216	220	225
April	200	215	215	221	224
May	203	216	214	222	224
June	202	215	211	220	226
July	204	218	211	220	225
August	204	217	212	220	225
September	204	216	211	220	224
October	206	217	212	221	
November	207	217	213	222	
December	207	215	213	223	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are preliminary.



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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State											
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Femalea									
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.						
27/7/53	12.	6.	6	8.	0.	3	12.	6.	0	7.	19.	11	12.	9.	4	8.	2.	1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1954		1953	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	36,834	31,673	149,005	130,766
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	33,147	28,325	133,333	116,896

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

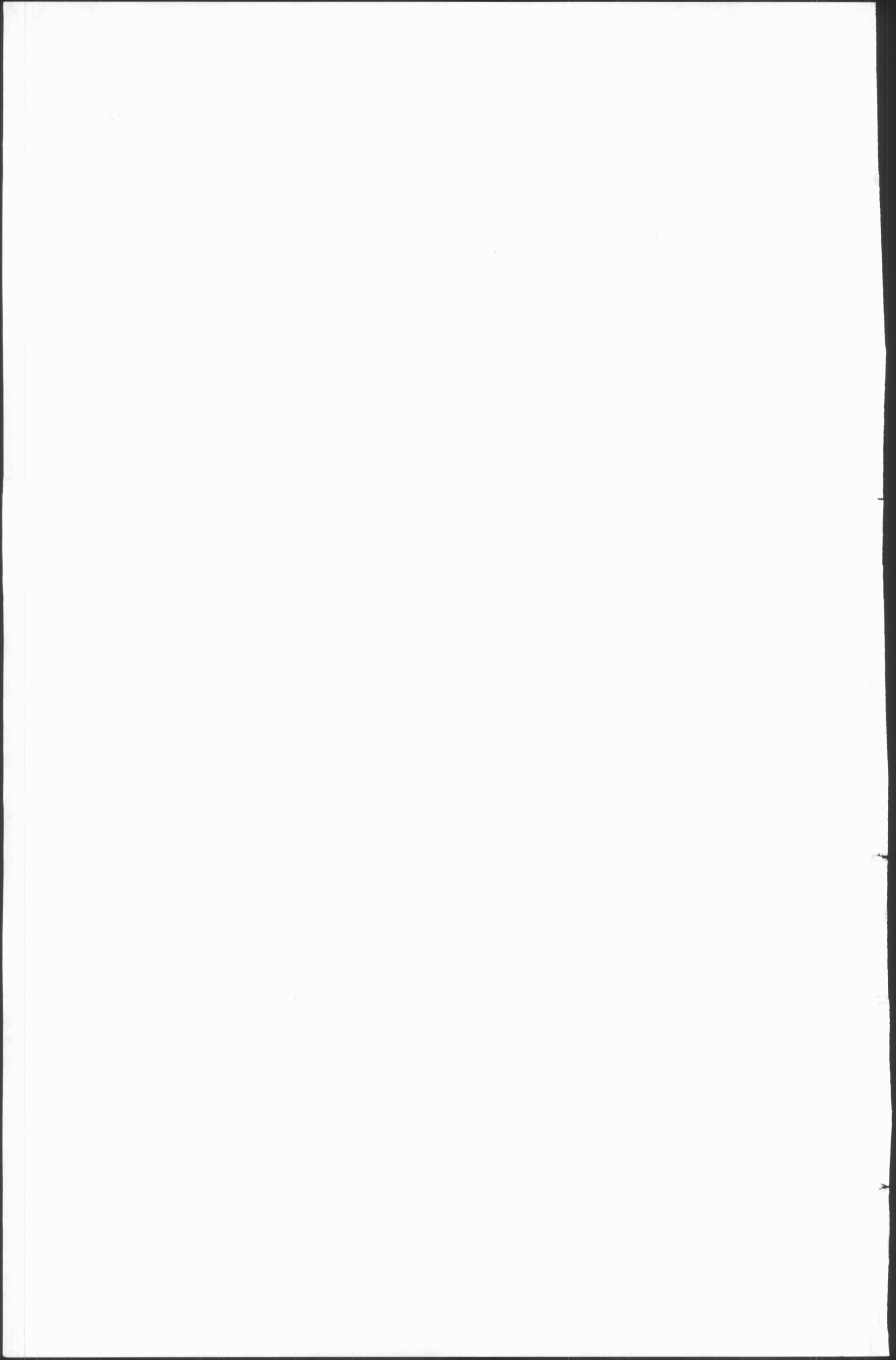
Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1954	7,648	483	162,891	14,534
October, 1953	6,646	580	159,169	9,597
4 Months ended October, 1954	49,803	1,879	442,578	53,931
4 Months ended October, 1953	45,570	2,222	404,916	33,980

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
<u>Year 1954</u>										
January	312	139	168	62	480	201	5	6	231	100
February	303	120	175	63	478	183	10	8	222	99
March	333	106	206	97	539	203	4	9	263	132
April	386	157	226	79	612	236	6	6	265	117
May	461	156	216	68	677	224	11	5	272	94
June	433	140	220	65	653	205	13	3	265	91
July (a)	499	167	220	90	719	257	9	7	287	137
August (a)	438	195	206	66	644	261	10	9	251	101
September	400	147	202	54	602	201	6	3	242	76
Total 9 Months Ended September, 1954	3,565	1,327	1,839	644	5,404	1,971	74	56	2,298	947

(a) Revised



ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		4 Months Ended OCTOBER	
		1953	1954	1953	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	779	693	3,267	3,321
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	676	1,146	2,703	4,560
- Clay	'000	8,307	9,203	29,841	35,559
Cement, Portland	ton	9,720	12,700	42,795	48,850
Enamels	gal.	4,868	2,221	16,351	12,978
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	197	216	790	844
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	14,152	16,480	47,694	72,826
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	777	1,012	3,588	3,916
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)20,585	(a)20,431	(b)58,146	(b)56,635
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	641	623	3,132	3,169
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	2,701	2,702	9,148	10,277
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	5,198	5,649	18,571	20,668
Sports Coats Men's	no.	1,113	1,006	3,577	3,308
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	625	642	2,417	1,864
- 2 piece	no.	2,519	2,292	9,087	9,540
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,365	5,452	20,654	21,623
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	9,648	15,746	42,628	61,127
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	50,632	44,414	188,053	153,012
Sandals	pair	24,918	23,030	63,367	64,612
Slippers	pair	71,157	40,663	239,479	178,521
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	671	629	2,423	2,465
Butter	'000 lb.	2,215	2,523	6,766	8,157
Cheese	'000 lb.	465	359	1,272	1,449
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	253	349	1,095	1,388
Jams	'000 lb.	36	62	334	243
Margarine	'000 lb.	56	68	376	406
Oatmeal	cwt.	7,210	3,295	30,856	12,306
Sauce - Tomato	pint	46,357	57,947	197,194	217,335
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	125	106	474	453
- Nitric	cwt.	10	8	54	56
- Sulphuric	ton	12,437	9,180	51,892	40,135
Cycles, Pedal	no.	747	827	2,615	2,536
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	126	126	510	524
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,938	1,898	6,353	7,635
- Woven Wire	no.	2,245	6,399	9,722	12,036
- Soft Filled	no.	3,392	3,149	14,569	13,995
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
- Truck Trays	no.	98	100	344	369
- Utilities (all types)	no.	49	33	97	132
- Trailers (all types)	no.	14	11	45	59
Perambulators	no.	101	64	371	271

(a) September Figures. October not available.

(b) Three months ended September.

